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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4171

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS, CG

SUBJECT: FORMER SENATOR DAN VAN SUNG VISIT TO ZAIRE--PRG ISSUE

REF: SAIGON 3961 (NOTAL)

1. SUNG ARRIVED IN KINSHASA APRIL 25 AND CALLED ON ACTING FONMIN INONGA NEXT DAY ACCOMPANIED BY GVN CHARGE TAI. UNFORTUNATELY, PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAD JUST LEFT FOR TOGO. SUNG CALLED AT EMBASSY FOR GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON ON APRIL 27 AND THEN CONTINUED ON TO WEST AFRICA. HE RETURNED MAY 5, STILL BEARING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT THIEU, OBTAINED AUDIENCE WITH MOBUTU MAY 9, AND DEPARTED REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF HIS VISIT. MOBUTU AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO VISIT VIETNAM IN SECOND HALF OF 1974 AND ASKED FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAM PROPOSAL. HE ALSO WELCOMED NEWS THAT SAIGON IS SENDING AN AMBASSADOR TO REPRESENT IT HERE (SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FROM HIS PRESENT POST, BANGUI, IN EARLY JUNE).

2. TAI HAS SINCE CONFIRMED THAT IN HIS MEETINGS WITH INONGA AND MOBUTU, SUNG DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF ZAIRE'S  
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MOBUTU ASSURED HIM THAT GOZ IS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD GVN BUT  
ADDED THAT IT NOW ALSO RECOGNIZES HANOI AND WANTS TO AVOID  
BECOMING INVOLVED IN VIETNAM'S QUARRELS. SUNG TOOK THIS TO  
MEAN THAT GOZ WILL BE INCLINED TO ABSTAIN ON PRG ISSUE  
UNLESS PRESSED. (IN OUR MEETING ON APRIL 27 SUNG  
EMPHASIZED THE CRUCIAL ROLE USG HAS PLAYED AND MUST  
CONTINUE TO PLAY IN FIGHT AGAINST HANOI'S DIPLOMATIC  
OFFENSIVE.) TAI PRIVATELY INTERPRETS MOBUTU'S STATEMENT AS MEANING  
GOZ POLICY WILL BE TO ABSTAIN ON PRG ISSUE.

3. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO USE EVERY APPROPRIATE OCCASION  
TO REMIND GOZ THAT USG IS AS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO COMMUNIST  
VICTORY IN SOUTH VIETNAM BY DIPLOMATIC AS BY MILITARY  
MEANS.  
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